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SUBJECT: UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 20TH SESSION,
24 OCTOBER - 28 NOVEMBER 1978, PARIS -
EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS; PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

REF: (A) PARIS 19248, (B) PARIS 15369, (C) TINSMAN MEMO
DTD 9 JUNE 78 TO IO/UNESCO, USOE, AND NATCOM,
(D) PARIS 11268

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA (DOCUMENT 20 C/1), ORGANIZATION
OF THE WORK (DOCUMENT 20 C/2), AND PROVISIONAL LIST OF
DOCUMENTS (DOCUMENT 20 C/INF.3) OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE
POUCHED TO DEPT AND USOE.

2. BULK OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE DEBATED IN
PROGRAM COMMISSION I - (EDUCATION) WHICH CONVENES
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 20TH SESSION COMMENCES), 25 OCT
THRU 7 NOV. COMMISSION I WILL CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS 12,
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23 AND 31 DURING THAT PERIOD AS FOLLOWS:

A) ITEM 12 - CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET
FOR 1979-80. THE DEBATE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN
DISCUSSION UNITS, EACH CONSIDERING THE DRAFT PROGRAM AND
BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

OCT 25-26 - 3 SESSIONS: UNIT 1 - OBJECTIVES 1.1, 1.2,
1.3 AND 6.3, 1.4, 1.5 AND 2.3

OCT 27 - 2 SESSIONS: UNIT 2 - OBJECTIVES 4.3, 4.4

OCT 28, 30 - 3 SESSIONS: UNIT 3 OBJECTIVES 5.1, 5.2

OCT 31, NOV.2 - 3 SESSIONS: UNIT 4 OBJECTIVES 5.3,
5.4, 10.1

NOV 2-3 - 2 SESSIONS: UNIT 5 OBJECTIVES 5.5, 5.7

NOV 3, 4, 6 - 3 SESSIONS: UNIT 6 OBJECTIVES 5.6, 6.1,
6.2

NOV 6 - 1 SESSION: UNIT 7 OBJECTIVES 7.7, 8.1, 6.5

SEE REF MEMO C AND REFTTEL (D) FOR SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD DISCUSSION OF THESE OBJECTIVES AND PERMDEL'S
RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ADDITION TO DEBATE ON THE DRAFT
PROGRAM AND BUDGET THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WILL BE
PRESENTED DURING THE APPROPRIATE SESSIONS. (ALTHOUGH A
FEW REPORTS WILL PROVOKE DEBATE, MOST WILL BE "NOTED"
ROUTINELY.);

UNIT 1 - REPORT OF THE CONCILIATION AND GOOD OFFICES
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COMMISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY
DISPUTES WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN STATES PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION ON ITS
WORK SINCE THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. DOCUMENT 20 C/90
COMMENT: PERFUNCTORY. COMMISSION HAS NOT MET.

UNIT 3 - FOURTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION
AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING IN THE ARAB
STATES (ABU DHABI, 1977). DOCUMENT 20 C/63. COMMENT:
RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO DRAFT 20 C/5.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ECONOMIC PLANNING IN ASIAN MEMBER STATES (SRI LANKA,
1978). DOCUMENT 20 C/64. COMMENT: RECOMMENDATIONS
WILL HAVE PROGRAM AND BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS FOR
MODIFYING 20 C/5. REPORT NOT YET PUBLISHED.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE INT'L INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL PLANNING ON THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE. DOCUMENT 20 C/65.
COMMENT: REPORT WILL BE WELL RECEIVED.

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
BUREAU OF EDUCATION. DOCUMENT 20 C/73. COMMENT: REPORT
WILL BE WELL RECEIVED.

UNIT 4 - DRAFT STATUTES OF A PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL
BODY IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT:
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. DOCUMENT 20 C/66.
COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
THESE STATUTES, AMENDMENTS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE
INTRODUCED.

DRAFT STATUTES OF AN INT'L FUND FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT. DOCUMENT
20 C/67. COMMENT: SAME AS FOR DOCUMENT 20 C/66.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT. DOCUMENT 20 C/96.
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COMMENT: NO CONTROVERSY EXPECTED.

UNIT 5 - ANALYTICAL REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE EXPERIENCE OF MEMBER STATES WITH STUDY SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNESCO'S FUTURE ROLE IN THIS FIELD. DOCUMENT 20 C/70. COMMENT: HISTORY INDICATES THIS REPORT WILL HAVE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE 20 C/5. REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER.

THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY - PROGRESS REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. DOCUMENT 20 C/98. COMMENT: U.S. SHOULD MAKE A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT REGARDING ITS POSITION ON THE UNU.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE INT'L CONFERENCE OF STATES FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN (NICE, 1976). DOCUMENT 20 C/99. COMMENT: ROUTINE "NOTING" OF REPORT IS EXPECTED.

UNIT 6 - REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON THE FUTURE LINES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S LITERACY PROGRAM, THE POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF A LITERACY DECADE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN INT'L LITERACY FUND. DOCUMENT 20 C/71. COMMENT: SEE TELEGRAM ON THIS TOPIC AS AGENDA ITEM FOR 105TH EXBD.

UNIT 7 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (TBILISI 1977). DOCUMENT 20 C/68. COMMENT: US MAY WISH TO BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ITS PROGRESS IN CARRYING UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

B) ITEM 23 - DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CHARTER ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT. DOCUMENT 20 C/97. NOV.7. ONE SESSION FOR DEBATE. COMMENT: SEE REFTEL (A). IT IS REQUESTED THAT DEPT INFORM PERMDEL WHAT ACTIONS OR DECISIONS IF ANY HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY DEPT CONCERNING QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN REFTEL (A). ALGERIA AND ETHIOPIA CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE HARDLINE ON MASS MEDIA PARAGRAPH.

C) ITEM 31 - MEMBER STATES REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND RECOMMENDATION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION (THIRD REPORT). DOCUMENT 20 C/40. NOV 7. ONE SESSION. COMMENT: SEE REFTEL (B) FOR BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATIONS. USSR CAN BE EXPECTED TO INITIATE A

DR THAT WILL REQUIRE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MEMBER STATES
REPORTS INDIVIDUALLY (PRIOR TO CONSIDERING CASES
CONCERNING THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS).

3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING EDUCATION:

A) ITEM 16 - UNESCO'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND ITS
TASKS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM. DOCUMENT
20 C/14, AND ITEM 18 - ROLE OF UNESCO IN GENERATING A
CLIMATE OF PUBLIC OPINION CONDUCIVE TO HALTING THE ARMS

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RACE AND THE TRANSITION TO DISARMAMENT. DOCUMENT 20 C/L6.
COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THESE ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE
GENERAL POLICY DEBATE, THE DEBATE WILL HAVE
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EDUCATION PROGRAM, I.E. THE
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR EDUCATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
AND/OR EDUCATION FOR DISARMAMENT. (SEE PAGE 3 OF REF
MEMO (C) FOR BRIEF BACKGROUND).

B) ITEM 35 - DRAFT REVISED RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
THE INT'L STANDARDIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. DOC
20 C/33 AND ADDENDA. OCT 30 OR 31. COMMISSION V. COMMENT:
THIS REVISED RECOMMENDATION WAS DISCUSSED AT THE 19TH
GENERAL CONFERENCE AND 36TH SESSION OF THE INT'L
CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION. IT HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACCEPTED
AND SHOULD BE ADOPTED WITHOUT LENGTHY DEBATE.

C) ITEM 29 - APPLICATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION. DOCUMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED A NUMBER. COMMENT: MEMBER STATES REPORTS CONCERNING THEIR PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THIS RECOMMENDATION WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGAL COMMITTEE. FROM THESE AND MEMBER STATES REPORTS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF OTHER INSTRUMENTS THE LEGAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. SUCH CONSIDERATIONS ARE NORMALLY ROUTINE.

4. TWO AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING ELECTION OF MEMBER STATES TO OTHER UNESCO BODIES ARE OF MAJOR INTEREST TO THE U.S. EDUCATION COMMUNITY:

ITEM 57.1 - ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION. DOCUMENT 20 C/NOM/3. COMMENTS: ALTHOUGH THE US TERM ON THIS COUNCIL DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL 1980, US IS INTERESTED IN ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS. AT THIS TIME ONLY SWITZERLAND HAS INDICATED THAT IT WISHES TO BE REELECTED. TURKEY HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST. USSR IS EXPECTED TO SEEK REELECTION. PERMDEL WILL KEEP DEPT AND USOE INFORMED AS IT LEARNS OF NEW CANDIDATES.

ITEM 57.2 - ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT. DOCUMENT 20 C/NOM/4. COMMENT: US HAS SERVED AS MEMBER OF INTERIM COMMITTEE. DUE TO US EXPERTISE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT AND BECAUSE THIS SUBJECT IS HIGHLY POLITICAL, I.E. ISSUES OF GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL OF SPORTS; UNESCO-NGO RELATIONSHIPS; CONTROL, PURPOSES AND USES OF THE PROPOSED INT'L VOLUNTARY FUND; MASS MEDIA AND SPORTS, ETC., US SHOULD STRONGLY SEEK ELECTION TO THIS COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, DR. LILLIAN GREENE (USA) HAS JUST ASSUMED HER POSITION IN CHARGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT IN THE SECRETARIAT. SHE WORKS WITH A SOVIET AND A ROMANIAN. TO MAINTAIN US INTERESTS IN THIS PROGRAM SHE NEEDS STRONG U.S. SUPPORT. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT USG NOTIFY MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN REGION OF ITS DESIRE TO BE ELECTED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS COMMITTEE.

5. DUE TO FACT THAT COMMISSION I (EDUCATION) MEETS IMMEDIATELY AFTER OPENING OF 20TH SESSION, PERMDEL REQUESTS THAT, IF POSSIBLE, POSITION PAPERS, PARTICULARLY ON DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET, 1979-80, BE FORWARDED TO REACH PERMDEL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, AND PREFERABLY OCTOBER 1.

6. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT HIGH LEVEL EDUCATION OFFICIALS BE APPOINTED TO DELEGATION AND ATTEND AT LEAST FIRST FEW DAYS OF COMMISSION I. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MANY MINISTERS OF EDUCATION WILL TAKE PART IN DEBATE. IN ADDITION PERMDEL REQUESTS THAT REPLACEMENT FOR TINSMAN, EDUCATION ATTACHE, BE ASSIGNED AND ATTEND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE TO BECOME ORIENTED AND PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED CONTINUITY DURING AND AFTER GENERAL CONFERENCE. TORRES

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